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but for the past three or four months it has spread rapidly all over the island, and the number of deaths in the country districts are as great now as in Port Louis.

It is reported that since January 25 of this year (1899), the day on which the first case of the plague was discovered, between 3,000 and 4,000 people have been attacked, and that 85 per cent of the victims have succumbed to this dreadful malady, and that it has cost the colony in the neighborhood of 500,000 rupees.

Respectfully,

THOS. W. CRIDLER,
Third Assistant Secretary.

Hon. SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY.

MEXICO.

No bubonic plague known to be present in Cozumel, Mexico.

CITY OF MEXICO, March 6, 1900.

The following has been received from the president of the superior board of health of Mexico :

As soon as I received your cablegram of the 28th of February last, asking me as to the existence of the bubonic plague in Cozumel or other point in the State of Yucatan, I hastened to answer you that according to the information in the possession of the board, no case of that disease had been observed in the places mentioned, and after asking for reports from the federal and local authorities of the State, I have the pleasure of confirming that answer and of copying the telegrams on the subject which I have received from the governor of the State and from the delegate of the board in the port of Progreso. They are as follows :

MERIDA, March 1, 1900.

To the president of the board of health :

This Government has no knowledge of any case of bubonic plague. The correspondence of the political chief of the islands comes down to February 23, and said nothing of that disease. If I hear anything I will at once communicate with you.

FRANCISCO CANTON,
Governor of the State.

PROGRESO, March 1, 1900.

To the president of the board of health :

I have no information of any case of bubonic plague in Cozumel or other port of the State. Bills of health issued in Cozumel February 23 last, and indorsed in Holbox on 26th following, came clean. I believe fears are unfounded, but will make inquiries and wire you result.

J. HERNANDEZ,
Delegate.

The board of health has given instructions to all the sanitary employees in the ports to prevent the introduction of the bubonic plague in the country, but if this disease should unfortunately invade Mexican territory, I will inform you of it as soon as I know of it myself, and I hope that in your turn you will also notify me if the plague presents itself in the United States or in any of the islands belonging to it.

Respectfully,

C. LICEAGA.

NOTE.—The United States consul at Progreso has wired the State Department as follows, March 5 :

“No plague at Cozumel or Yucatan. No report of any case from Campeche.”

NETHERLANDS.

Reports from Rotterdam.

ROTTERDAM, NETHERLANDS, February 26, 1900.

SIR : I have the honor to respectfully call your attention to the fact that vessels clearing from the port of Dordrecht, Netherlands, for ports